are being taken t$_0$ promote a new work culture in the steel plants.

Representation by truck loaders of Giridih Colliery Bihar

2288. SHRI CHATURANAN MISH RA; Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a, fact that on the basis of a mass representation by truck loaders of Giridih Colliery of Bihar his Ministry has made a depart mental inquiry into their conditions[1], end

(b) if so, what are the findings (hereof and what action has been tak en thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The enquiries made by the Re-gional Labour Commissioner (C) Dhanbad and the Assistant Labour Commissioner (C), Hazaribagh regarding working conditions of the truck loaders in Giridih Project reveal that they are inot the employees of the Management of Giridih Project of Central Coal Fields Ltd., but they are self-employed persons. The purchasers of coal who come along with their trucks for lifting the coal sold by the colliery management utilise such truck loader^ as are available at the loading point for loading coal in their truck$_s$ and make payments to them at negotiated rates.

Employment of bonded labourers at the Rajasthan Canal Project

2289. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIR LA; Will the Minister of LABUOR be pleased to state;

(a)' whether Government are aware of the employment of bonded labour-erst through contractors at the Rajasthan Canal Project and of their miserable plight; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH); (a) Attention of the Government has been drawn to the report which appeared in the press re-cenit'ly.

(b) Necessary information has been called for from the Government of Rajasthan and on receipt would be laid on the Tab]$_e$ of the House.

Review of Contract Labour Act, etc.

2290. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR: BIRLA; Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any critical review qf the Contract Labour Act and the filter-State Migrant Workmen Act so a$_s$ to know the legal loopholes in their application and the extent to which these Acts have become redundant and required a fresh look to make them more stringent, useful and meaningful; and

(b) if po, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH); (a) and (b) A batch of amendments to th$_e$ Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 are being processed. A Seminar on Migrant Workers was organised by the Labour Ministry recently. Recommendations of the Seminar are awaited,

Licences for import of dry fruits

2291. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDEL WAL: Will the Minister of COMMER CE be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of import licences issued for the import of dry fruits along with the in.ame$_3$ of per sons/parties to whom such licences were issued and also the date$_s$ of issue of such licences;

(b) whether it is a fact that most *ot* these licence holders sell their yearly quota at a premium ranging from 150 per cent to 250 per cent to other per-